

Taking Root: Montana Farm School Conference

Evaluation

Number of Evaluations: 54

Please take a moment to complete the following evaluation. Return to registration desk at end of conference. We will use your responses to help make future conferences more useful for you. Your feedback is very much appreciated!

Please circle or list the position you represent: Educator or Foodservice or Other: _____

Please circle the number that best represents your response.

1. The information provided was useful and will be applicable in my school/business/childcare facility.

| (Poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | (Excellent) |
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| | | | 1/51 | 30/51 | 23/51 | |
| | | | 2% | 59% | 39% | |

2. Overall rating of conference.

| (Poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | (Excellent) |
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| | | | 2/52 | 22/52 | 30/52 | |
| | | | 4% | 42% | 54% | |

3. Overall rating of facilities (MSU Campus) and location (Bozeman).

| (Poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | (Excellent) |
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| | | | 1/52 | 14/52 | 39/52 | |
| | | | 2% | 27% | 71% | |

(Some did not circle anything, fractions/percentages changed accordingly)

4. Overall rating of sessions (*please write in the title of each session you attended*):

| | (Poor = 1) | | (Excellent = 5) | | |
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| Morning Plenary - <i>Nourishing our Communities</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Breakout Session I _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Breakout Session II _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Open Session _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Field Trip _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

5. List the idea(s), practice(s) or step(s) you learned about farm to school that you plan to implement?

- Contact Lisa Lee, Gov's Office of Community Services for resources/ connect Malta FAA with Sonja Young
- More cooking with children
- Networking

- Tradition and culture is a bit part of the community so whatever I can do to be inclusive of them all the time is probably key
- Need moderator for open session to keep on topic
- Getting the FTCC Network off the ground
- Resources to help food service professionals/farm to share online
- More gardening/nutrition activities
- Celebrate real food day/week?
- Having greenhouse bus visit
- Having preschools grow a pizza garden in pot
- Having children sell plants/they have grown
- Curriculum planning. Mix local and commodity crops in school meals
- Introduce outdoor education/classroom instead of garden for learning if teachers are hesitant
- I learned/found out about people/organizations that I can reach out to extend my projects
- Volunteer use, gardens
- How to implement more fruits and veggies into menu from other sources than Sysco and foods of America
- Work and comm. Gardens
- Interesting to learn how the state is trying to promote local beef in the school lunch
- Contacting schools to come visit our farm
- I got some good ideas to use for Farm to School Month
- Collaborate others to create a school garden/orchard
- Funding
- Use info from how to start a garden to incorporate into my student council/leadership project for planning a school garden and compost program
- Jason mandala, msla, excellent- based content. Gave list of what you need to start. Start small and have success rather than biting off more than you can chew
- The rules about what beef can be bought for schools
- Beef can be state or federally inspected
- How to move forward w an idea or project
- Connections, great garden based curriculum ideas and lots more
- My breakout session 1 was very informative, how to get others involved outside the box. Planning!
- Use broken up concrete for raised beds
- Build gardens close to water
- How Ag programs are funded and working with food production
- I would like to do some container planting in my classroom. Irving school was a great trip and answered several questions I had.
- Increase outdoor garden activities at our daycare
- Work with food processors instead of ranchers
- How to approach teachers about school gardens
- Look into beef in schools
- Establish more relationships
- Apply for food corp volunteer
- I teach culinary, so I would like to grow an herb garden. I will keep it small.
- Gardening Ideas
- Great gardens
- It affirmed what we are doing with our gardens, recipes, philosophy, etc. many new ideas, resources, contacts, etc. Menu posting tool.
- Great ideas, lots of resources I didn't know existed.
- Student produce bags from Towne's harvest, smaller, scale CSAs
- Stronger easier curriculum corrections, keep working on district and state support and recognition.

6. What was **most useful** or what do you recommend **keeping the same**?

- Breakout sessions, CDC info and preschool ideas
- Breakout groups
- Round Table session
- Great to have local food featured, pictures at lunch also excellent, both sessions had great content.
- Open session, Field trip, show and tell slides, conversation with others
- Open session
- Resources, networking, ideas
- Loved the open session
- Mary Stein and Bobbi Geise, great presenters all around
- Everything seemed to run very smooth I thought, lots of wonderful information
- Networking with other individuals was good
- Break-out sessions, field trips
- Open session, field trip
- Open session, loved it, use it in the School Foods Summer Conference, also in the networking with others is awesome.
- Farm to School is a new and exciting program that needs to be expanded as far as possible
- The open session was great and full of ideas
- Field Trip, networking with experts
- Lunch!
- The garden trip in the middle of the day, great thing to break up the day and get moving and still be educational.
- Small groups, keep it small
- Loved open sessions
- Breakout sessions were great
- Breakout sessions in the morning were informative
- How to fund farm to School programs Breakout group sessions for October Farm to School Month
- All was great and informative and will use something from each curriculum dev.
- I would keep everything the same! Great conference
- Field trip after lunch is perfect!
- Montana Made lunch as well as continuing to have wide range of speakers with different backgrounds
- Ideas were wonderful
- How to obtain help in getting up a garden
- Open session was great
- Snacks!
- Organization of the day (breakouts, lunch, field trips, open session)
- Could not hear at the tables of the open session
- Greta food,/snacks and nice to keep moving in between sessions
- Open session
- Getting to meet/ see all those participating in these types of projects
- Love the idea of helping teach structure and coordination
- Field trips!
- Networking
- Resources
- Sharing ideas and learning from others

7. What was **the least useful** or what would you recommend **changing**?

- Intro session was a bit long
- Open session too long

- After breakout sessions try to get back together and involve everyone so there isn't people just walking out and doing whatever.
- A lot of shoutouts
- Too short, maybe spread it out over two days
- Breakout sessions shorter
- Less movie in preschool garden tour
- The preschool garden was a bit disappointing was hoping to see a garden.
- Have three shorter breakout sessions, each is more concise
- Intro session too long
- More vegetarian food options
- I don't think anything was not helpful
- More organization with field trips and drivers
- Not have more than two speakers per breakout. Last person didn't even have ten minutes
- I loved everything, I wouldn't change a thing
- Having to choose a session each breakout sessions and not having any repeats
- Red Star much too far to go for me with back/walking issues
- The open discussion was too long, shorten and add in another structure session
- If you came with other people from your community, have teams get together and develop an action plan to take home and implement
- Open session too long, needed to rotate to at least three tables.
- The open sessions were too long
- Make a contact list of everyone who attended and organization they are from to hand out to everyone, a must to keep connects strong and for future networking opportunities
- I might do two short open sessions
- Too new to base an opinion on Farm to School other than it is an exciting program
- More time for questions in breakout
- Open session too long, not directed before food and discussions, maybe just part of 5'o clock discussions
- Sharing time, tables with different topics way too long
- Tastier food
- Great! Continue to add sessions as conference grows
- A little too early of a start, hard for those coming from out of town, early starts require two days hotel
- Too many speakers in some sessions

8. Additional comments or ideas.

- Advise proper clothing for Towne's Harvest Garden Tour
- Round (small groups) Do 2 or 3 Rounds 20 mins each
- Longer classes and longer breaks in between classes
- To be able to receive college credit for attending the conference
- Thanks for the conference, totally enjoyed it
- I enjoyed the conference and meeting new people. Did get some helpful idea
- Great conference and appreciate al sharing and continuing education online
- Connect people who want to carpool
- Excellent flow of activities
- Open session was long. Seemed t run out of topics, but our group was small
- Have teachers in one group, school food directors in another, learn from each other.
- Delicious snacks, I really appreciate the gluten-free muffins
- Very nice conference and I will look forward to the one next year.
- Hard to choose just 1 of the breakout sessions, maybe repeat so we can attend two of the five.
- Have a food producer speak for plenary session as well

- Only have ½ speakers at breakout sessions, three was too much. Speakers were rushed.
- I think the open session, menu planning, would be a good addition next year.
- What are the logistics to get the product from farm to mouth? I didn't get a solid feeling that this accomplished for our communities and state.
- Great conference, well done, great variety for all 1-3:00 sessions, great tours of schools
- More time for exercise
- Thank you!
- I believe I attended the first annual Farm to school Conference. Many thanks
- Love the fresh flowers
- Thank you for a great conference
- I know there was a tremendous amount of work done to organize this conference. Thank you for a great, informative, networking opportunity. Well done!